

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90950

Rena NISHIZAWA, et al.

Appn. No.: 10/553,596

Group Art Unit: 1609

Confirmation No.: 4644

Examiner: Murray, Jeffrey H.

Filed: October 18, 2005

For: SPIRO-PIPERIDINE COMPOUNDS AND MEDICINAL USE THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2007, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Applicant elects Group VIII relating to a compound drawn from formula (I), according to claims 1-9, wherein Ring A is a tetrahydropyrimidin-2(1H)-one derivative. This election is made without traverse.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.